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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: S. 823 - Truth in Lending Act Amendment

1. Discussed with [REDACTED] Security's 26 January 1970 analysis of the impact of S. 823 on our security investigation program.

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2. Security's position is that DCID 1/14 requires credit information in determining "suitability" which the bill would prohibit us from obtaining from credit agency sources in the case of (1) Industrial Contractor employees (because the individual is not our employee) and (2) covert investigations (because the fact of Government involvement is available if the person investigated makes inquiry to the credit agency).

3. Security does not believe that the above problems warrant a major effort by the Agency to oppose the bill, although it would be helpful if the bill were amended to authorize U.S. Government agencies to obtain credit information from credit agencies on Industrial Contractor employees and individuals who may require access to classified information.

4. Since the Department of Defense appears to face the same problem in their large industrial security program, [REDACTED] agreed to contact DOD to find out their position on the bill. Also, as earlier agreed, contact is being made with the investigative force of the Civil Service Commission. [REDACTED] in contacting the FBI learned from liaison that the Bureau was opposed to the bill as detailed in a letter that is in Department of Justice channels. [REDACTED] was not offered a copy of the letter.

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5. The position of these other Federal agencies has a bearing on our course of action and it was agreed that we would await the outcome of the above pending discussions before recommending a course of action up the line.

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